National Highways by Government two/ three years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many such facilities have been provided by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Surface Transport has mooted the scheme for providing "Passenger Oriented Wayside Amenities" along National Highways about nine years ago under private sector participation as well as public sector participation. The scheme essentially consists of providing parking lots, snack bar, dormatory, rest rooms, First-aids, toilets, drinking water facilities, kioska, telephones etc. Allocation of Fuel retail outlets was made a part of the Private Sector Scheme in consultation with the Ministry of Petroleum. However, Ministry of Petroleum has now withdrawn from this scheme.

(c) Under Government Sector (jointly by the Ministry of Surface Transport and the Ministry of Tourism), seventeen locations have been identified. Under Private Sector Scheme, Letters of Intent have been issued to 31 entrepreneurs.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों से संबंधित कार्य

6331. श्री अजीत जोगी:
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में राजमार्गों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उनकी कुल लंबाई कितनी है;

(ख) देश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की कुल लंबाई की तुलना में मध्य प्रदेश के राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की लंबाई का प्रतिशत कितना है; और

(ग) राज्य में चालू वर्ष के दौरान विभिन्न राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के निर्माण, विकास तथा मरम्मत से संबंधित कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश राइटलर): (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में नौ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग हैं जिनकी कुल लम्बाई 2946 कि०मी० है। यह देश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की कुल 34058 कि०मी० लम्बाई का 8.65% है।

(ग) नवीनतम विश्लेषणात्मक कार्य-वार समीक्षा के अनुसार चालू वर्ष में मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास से संबंधित 83 सड़क-कार्य और 23 पुल-कार्य प्रगति पर हैं। जहां तक मरम्मत का संबंध है, यह एक सतत प्रक्रिया है जो उपलब्ध निधियों से की जाती है।

Boosting Surface Transport Facilities

6332. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that surface transport facilities for tourists are woefully inadequate except in some areas of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, are being taken by Government to improve surface transport facilities, thereby providing a boost to tourism and other industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The improvement of surface transport facilities for tourists is an ongoing process. The Government is constantly improving roads and for the major trunk roads equity participation has also been sought as the construction of roads is an expensive exercise. Some roads, bridges, culverts etc. are being built under the BOLT (Build-Operate-Lease-Transfer) Scheme.

In order to imporve transport facilities the Government has allowed a one time import of air-conditioning units for tourist coaches on concessional customs duty. Perceiving the need for better vehicles the Government has recently decided to import 1500 AC cars and 250 AC coaches at concessional customs duty. These vehicles would remain available for purchase to specified importers i.e. State Government Tourism Departments, Tour Operators, Tourist Transport Operatores

and classified hotels. These would serve to provide high quality transportation to tourists.

Further, certain amendments have been made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in an effort to streamline traffic facilities between States. Under this scheme, tourists vehicles would be able to travel amongst three or more States on a single point taxation, and the home State, which would also avoid delays at entry points of adjoining States.

In order to maintain high quality of service, the Department of Tourism conducts inspection of the vehicles owned by tourist transport operators. Recognition is given on the basis of fulfilling the stringent conditions laid down by the Department of Tourism, Government of India.

Construction of Bridges by Companies of US and UK

6333. SHRI G.Y. KRISHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued letters of Intent to US and UK companies for building bridges in the country on the "Buld, Operate and Transfer" (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, the particulars of the companies asked to build bridges and their location;

(c) the capital outlay involved in each case;

(d) what control would Government exercise on the BOT bridges safety built-up and their maintenance; and

(e) how for it will go to fill the gap between the demand and supply in the ever-increasing road transport sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Letter of Intent in respect of second Vivekananda Bridge in West Bengal was issued to M/s CRSS, California and in respect of second Narmada Bridge in Gujarat to M/s Costain, UK and M/sVelecha Engg. Bombay. Letters of Intent were for the preparation of the project by potential entrepreneur without any commitment for award of work or reimbursement of expenditure incurred.

(d) These bridges will be built as per Indian Road Congress Standards and Specifications.

(e) It is too early to indicate details in this regard.

12.00 Noon

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table. Mr Jagdish Tytlers.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(i) Third Suplementary Agreement between the President of India and Governor of Orissa under the National Highway Act, 1956.

(ii) Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in Englihs an Hindi) of the Third Supplementary Agreement cntered into between the President of India and the Governor of Orissa to partially amend and/or modify the Agreement dated the 20th July, 1961 also between the President of India and the Governor of Orissa under section 8 of the National Highways Act, 1956 regarding maintenance and development of urban links of National Highways in Orissa, under section 10 of the said Act.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT 7662/95].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport Shipping